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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Official Action dated October 22, 2001 in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the time period for responding to the Official Action be extended for a period of three months (i.e., from JANUARY 22, 2002 up to and including APRIL 22, 2002).

The extensions of time indicated below are required and have not yet
been granted:

(in spaces at right enter fee for each indicated extension)

[X]	first month, fee \$110	\$ <u>110.00</u>
[X]	second month, fee \$290 (\$400)	\$ <u>290.00</u>
[X]	third month, fee \$520 (\$920)	\$ <u>520.00</u>
[]	fourth month, fee \$520 (\$1440)	\$
[]	fifth month, fee \$520 (\$1960)	\$

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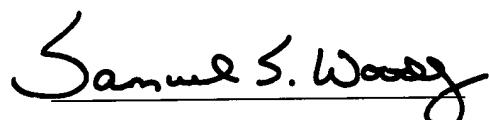
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TOTAL \$ 920.00

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any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Respectfully submitted,

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